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INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00
EB-08 FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 SP-02 STR-06 TRSE-00
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FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9763
INFO AMEMBASSY BERN
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMCONSUL FLORENCE
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AMCONSUL MILAN

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BRUSSELS FOR USEEC
USMTN ALSO FOR MISSION

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, EC, IT
SUBJECT: GOI AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING/SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
FOR TEXTILES AFFECTING IMPORTS FROM U.S.

REF: 77 STATE 8871; ROME 235 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY NOW BEGINNING TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM
ITALIAN IMPORTERS THAT GOI AUTOMATIC LICENSING/SURVEILLANCE
PROCEDURES ON CERTAIN TEXTILES CAUSING INJURIOUS DELAYS
IN CLEARING THEIR IMPORTS FROM U.S. THROUGH CUSTOMS.
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM WAS PUT INTO EFFECT BY MINISTERIAL
DECREE OF OCT. 25, 1977 PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZZETTE
NO. 295 OF OCT. 28, 1977. DECREE REQUIRES FILLING OUT
DETAILED "TECHNICAL STATEMENT," IN TRIPOLICATE. WITH
MATERIAL PIECE CUTTINGS ATTACHED, TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION
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FOR AUTOMATIC LICENSE. IMPORTERS CLAIM REQUIREMENTS
FOR FILLING OUT FORM FOR TECHNICAL STATEMENT NOT CLEAR
AND THAT DECREE BEING APPLIED IN RESTRICTIVE MANNER,
RESULTING IN DELAYS OF UP TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE LICENSES
ISSUED AND EXPORTERS CAN BE PAID. DECREE COVERS
FOLLOWING BTN NUMBERS: 55.05, 55.09, 56.07, 58.04
FROM 610 TO 690, 60.03 FROM 250 TO 900, 60.04.130,

60.04.410, 60.05 FROM 210 TO 390, 61.01 FROM 720 TO 780,
61.02 FROM 660 TO 740, 61.02 FROM 760 TO 840, 61.03
FROM 110 TO 190, 61.05.300, AND 62.02.

2. FIRMS THAT HAVE COMPLAINED TO EMBASSY
INCLUDE LA RINASCENTE/UPIM WHICH RECENTLY BOUGHT PENNEY
CHAIN IN ITALY AND FIORUCCI, A SUBSIDIARY OF MONTEDISON.
THEY SEEK (A) CLARIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING
OUT TECHNICAL STATEMENTS (B) SIMPLIFICATION OF INFORMA-
TION TO BE SUPPLIED IN SUCH STATEMENTS, (C) SHORTENING OF
TIME BETWEEN FILING OF APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSE
AND (D) AUTHORIZATION TO PAY EXPORTER BEFORE LICENSE
ISSUED.

3. EMBOFF RAISED MATTER WITH SIMEONE, DIRECTOR OF
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICE FOR GATT, MULTI-
LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATION AND U.S. AFFAIRS, NOTING THAT
ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS ITALY RECENTLY HAD MODIFIED
PROCEDURES TO SATISFY SWISS COMPLAINTS ON SAME SCORE,
EMBOFF ASKED FOR RELIEF FOR U.S. EXPORTERS. SIMEONE
CONFIRMED THAT, FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH
SWISS, PROCEDURES HAD BEEN MODIFIED FOR THEM. HE
INDICATED THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE DONE FOR AT LEAST
SOME OF U.S. ORIGIN ITEMS COVERED BY THE DECREE, BUT
PROBABLY NOT FOR DENIMS. HE CLAIMED PROBLEMS INVOLVING
DENIM IMPORTS HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY
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FOLLOWING GOI'S EFFORTS IN 1977 (SEE REFTELS). SIMEONE
INDICATED GOI RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S APPROACH WOULD BE
FACILITATED IF EMBASSY WOULD PUT IT IN WRITING.

4. UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTION EMBASSY WILL
CONVEY COMPLAINT BY NOTE VERBALE TO MFA AS WELL AS
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE.

5. COPY OF MINISTERIAL DECREE BEING SENT UNDER
AIRGRAM.HOLMES

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